



SADANAM KRISHNAN KUTTY
Akademi Award: Kathakali

Born in 1941 in Cherppulassery village in Kerala, Shri Sadanam Krishnankutty received his initial training in Kathakali at Gandhi Seva Sadan, Palakkad, under several eminent gurus including Thekkinkattil Ravunni Nair, Kottakkal Krishnankutty, Kottakkal Sankaranarayanan Embranthiri, and Mani Madhava Chakkyar. Later, he was instructed in the manner of the Kalluvazhi sampradaya of Kathakali under Keezhpadam Kumaran Nair on a scholarship from the Government of India (1962-65). He has also received training in Bharatanatyam.

An outstanding Kathakali artist, Shri Sadanam Krishnankutty has gained renown for his Pachha and Kathi Vesham. He has given numerous lecture-demonstrations in seminars and conferences and has performed extensively in India and other countries. He has received critical acclaim for his performances in the roles of Ravana and Keechaka. Shri Krishnankutty has simultaneously trained several Kathakali artists including Kalanilayam Gopalakrishnan, Kalamandalam Rama Chandran Unnithan, Kalanilayam Balakrishnan, Kalamandalam Haridas, and Sadanam Bhasi.

He has been conferred several honours for his work including the Kerala Kalamandalam Award and the Award of the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy.

Shri Sadanam Krishnankutty receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution in the field of Kathakali.